

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/823,841	POCIUS ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 11/17/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-54.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 July 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Rachel Leiterman on 13 January 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Amend claim 6 as follows –

6. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 3 further comprising:
beveling one or more sides of said semiconductor light emitter.

Election/Restrictions

2. Claims 3, 5, 12, 27, 34, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 52 are generic and allowable. Accordingly, the restriction requirement as to the encompassed species is hereby withdrawn and claims 6, 14-22, 25, 26, 35-40, 48 and 49, directed to group I invention are no longer withdrawn from consideration since all of the claims to this invention depend from or otherwise include each of the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

In view of the above noted withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the linked species, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim(s) depending from or including all the limitations of the allowable generic linking claim(s) be presented in a continuation or divisional application, such claims may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once a restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See *In re Ziegler*, 44 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 2-54 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 3, 5, 12, 27, 34, 41, 42, 43 and 44 are allowable over the prior art for at least the reason that the prior art fails to teach or reasonably suggest, "surface is one of an alloy comprising $(\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x})_y\text{In}_{1-y}\text{P}$ where $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq 1$ and a III-nitride alloy" as set forth in the claimed combination. Claims 2, 4, 6, 7-11, 13-26, 28-33, 35-40, 48, 53 and 54 are also allowable based upon their dependence on claims 3, 5, 12, 27, 34, 41, 42, 43 and 44.

Claims 45-47 and 50-52 were allowed for the reasons provided in the previous office action.

The prior art of record, Paoli, Duveneck and Nurmikko teach a light emitting device or a method of forming a light emitting device wherein the device comprises a semiconductor light emitter and a first optical element comprising a Fresnel lens stamped on the surface of the semiconductor light emitter. However, the prior art of record, does not teach that the surface is one of an alloy comprising $(\text{Al}_x\text{Ga}_{1-x})_y\text{In}_{1-y}\text{P}$ where $0 \leq x \leq 1$ and $0 \leq y \leq 1$ and a III-nitride alloy and there is no teaching or motivation is present to modify this difference as derived. Examiner found arguments on page 11, lines 14-22 of the applicant's response, dated 17 November 2004 persuasive as regards the combination of Nurmikko (i.e., III nitride material) with Paoli in view of Duveneck et al.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

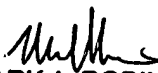
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alessandro V. Amari whose telephone number is (571) 272-2306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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13 January 2005


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